

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 34(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Sponsor(s): SENATORS KAUFMAN, Bjorkman, Merrick, Bishop, Hughes, Shower, Myers

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act reestablishing the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Management**
2 **Areas in Alaska; relating to the membership and duties of the Citizens' Advisory**
3 **Commission on Federal Management Areas in Alaska; relating to the authority of the**
4 **Department of Natural Resources regarding the Citizens' Advisory Commission on**
5 **Federal Management Areas in Alaska; and providing for an effective date."**

6 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

7 * **Section 1.** AS 41.37.160 is amended to read:

8 **Sec. 41.37.160. Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Management**
9 **Areas in Alaska.** The Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Management Areas
10 in Alaska is established in the department **for administrative purposes only**. In the
11 exercise of its responsibilities, the commission shall consider the views of citizens of
12 the state and officials of the state.

13 * **Sec. 2.** AS 41.37.170(b) is amended to read:

1 (b) The **members** [MEMBERSHIP] of the commission **who are not**
 2 **members of the legislature** shall represent each **judicial district with not more than**
 3 **three members being from any one judicial district** [REGION OF THE STATE TO
 4 GIVE THE COMMISSION A REASONABLE GEOGRAPHIC BALANCE AMONG
 5 REGIONS OF THE STATE].

6 * **Sec. 3.** AS 41.37.180 is amended to read:

7 **Sec. 41.37.180. Qualifications of members.** The members of the commission
 8 appointed by the governor under AS 41.37.170(c) and members appointed under
 9 AS 41.37.170(d) and (e) who are not members of the legislature shall be representative
 10 of the diversity of users and uses of federal land in the state. **At least one member**
 11 **must be enrolled in and represent a federally recognized tribe. At least one other**
 12 **member must be a shareholder of and represent a corporation organized under**
 13 **43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq. (Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act).**

14 * **Sec. 4.** AS 41.37.220 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

15 (i) The commission shall determine which matters are considered, researched,
 16 heard, and recommended by the commission under this section.

17 (j) Notwithstanding another provision of this section, the commission may not
 18 consider, research, or hold hearings relating to public use on private land, including a
 19 highway with an easement onto private land or onto public land reserved for private
 20 use. In this subsection, "highway" has the meaning given in AS 19.59.001.

21 * **Sec. 5.** AS 44.66.010(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

22 (15) Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Management Areas in
 23 Alaska (AS 41.37.160) - June 30, 2031.

24 * **Sec. 6.** AS 44.66.010(a)(10) is repealed.

25 * **Sec. 7.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
 26 read:

27 TRANSITION. Notwithstanding AS 41.37.190(a), the terms of the initial members of
 28 the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Management Areas in Alaska appointed by the
 29 governor under AS 41.37.170(c) are as follows: (1) two members shall be appointed for a
 30 four-year term; (2) two members shall be appointed for a three-year term; (3) one member
 31 shall be appointed for a two-year term; and (4) one member shall be appointed for a one-year

1 term. The governor shall specify the term of office of each member appointed subject to this
2 section.

3 * **Sec. 8.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2024.